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Functions and Policy of the Home Economics Education Service
of the U. S. Office of Education

1. Authorization under which agency operates -

Smith-Hughes Act (Public - No. 347) 1917
George-Deen Act (Public - No. 673) 1936

Assignment (1936) The Commissioner of Education assigned to the Home Economics Education Service responsibility for rendering professional consultative service to all types of public school programs.

2. Functions of the Agency as related to nutrition activities -

a. Primary functions

- (1) Promote (a) integration of nutrition throughout entire school program; (b) inclusion of functional nutrition education in the preparation of elementary teachers; (c) utilization of the school lunch as a laboratory for nutrition education.
- (2) Assist in the development of nutrition education in the homemaking education program for youth and adults in the schools and of the home economics teacher's contributions to the school-wide nutrition education program.
- (3) Coordinate the activities in the field of nutrition education carried on by the various divisions and services of the U. S. Office of Education.
- (4) Cooperate with other agencies and organizations concerned with the development and maintenance of nutrition programs which meet present day nutrition problems.

b. Supplementary functions

Promote educational programs for planning, producing and conserving adequate food for family use.

3. Policy of the Agency as reflected at:

- a. Federal level - to promote and extend vocational education in homemaking in the States and territories.

- b. & c. In the States and local areas - to cooperate with the State departments of education in the promotion and development of vocational education in homemaking.

4. Media through which the agency operates, including:

- a. Field agents and consultants - through State departments of education and teacher training institutions.
- b. Publications - to State and city departments of education and teacher training institutions.
- c. Conferences - Annual Regional Conferences in Home Economics Education conducted by the Regional Agents often in cooperation with other vocational education services.
 - State, district, and local when requested through State department of education
- d. Workshops - State, district, and local when requested through State department of education.

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